

portions of that section, and with a prospect of their continuation to-morrow. Coincident with the fall of rain has come reduced temperatures. With few exceptions the temperatures reported were not abnormally high, no maximums of 90 degrees being recorded. The weather in the neighborhood of 90 degrees. The forecasters, while not making any specific predictions as to the effect of the rain on the crops, express the opinion that all these crops which have not been, or are only slightly, injured by the breaking of the drought. The late crops naturally will be helped the most.

The reports show that during the past twenty-four hours showers were quite general in the corn belt and were heavy over much of the State of Iowa and over the part of the belt not heretofore visited by rains, including western Nebraska, southern Missouri and Oklahoma. Monday there will be showers throughout the corn-belt region, except in its extreme western portion and southern Indiana and southern Ohio, and they will continue generally on Tuesday in the Ohio and middle Mississippi valleys.

There also have been showers and thunderstorms in the northern tier of States from New England to the Gulf of Mexico, and in New Mexico, northern Arizona and southern Utah, and on the west coast.

Damage by Wind and Rain.

FARGO, N. D., July 28.—A heavy rain and windstorm prevailed this afternoon over a good part of the State, and the greatest damage is reported at Tappen, 125 miles west of Fargo, where it amounted to a tornado. A church, a store and some dwellings and barns were blown down and the Northern Pacific depot unroofed. Wires were down for some hours, and crops in the path of the storm, which was several miles wide, were destroyed. In the Red River valley rain fell from the national boundary line all the way down the State line in the afternoon. It did not much wind, but around Fargo and over in Minnesota grain was damaged, but how seriously it is impossible to determine tonight.

Northern Kansas Rain-Swept.

ATCHISON, Kan., July 28.—The drought in northern Kansas which has lasted since last night and this morning, was broken last night and this morning. The Missouri Pacific Railroad has received reports from all its stations, which extend 300 miles westward from the Missouri river and northward into Nebraska, and all except two or three reports were of rain. The rain lasted from one-half to one inch, and in some places, for three or four hours.

Corn Much Benefited.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 28.—Reports from over the State show that the rains that visited Nebraska last night and this morning have left the corn in many localities in better condition than thought. The fall of rain ranged from half an inch to three inches. This, while not of much help to the hay crop, will make good fodder in all cornlands, and in many places will make from one-third to one-half crop of corn. In some localities, however, there will be no corn.

Terrible Humidity at Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 28.—For half an hour in Chicago today the percentage of humidity was 92, with the thermometer registering 90 in the shade. Not a breath of air was stirring at the time and the atmosphere was suffocating. A strong breeze from the southwest brought relief, and in less than an hour the humidity had dropped to 70 degrees. Over three-quarters of an inch of rain fell during the afternoon.

Louisville Catholics Pray for Rain.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 28.—In all the Catholic churches of Louisville to-day an official notification from Bishop McCloskey was read, ordering that the Collect for Petition for Rain be added to the daily mass to obtain from Almighty God the blessing of rain.

Kansas Farmers Take Hope.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 28.—Copious rains again fell throughout Kansas to-day, all along the line of the Santa Fe and far out to the western part of the State. To-morrow the farmers of the State will begin replanting turnips, kafir corn and sorghum for forage.

Light Rain at Muncie.

MUNCIE, Ind., July 28.—At 9:30 to-night the first rain for many days fell, to the relief of humanity and the burning corn. It was very light.

Pleasant Rain in Iowa.

BEDFORD, Ia., July 28.—The drought in this section is broken. About three inches of rain fell this morning and it is still raining. This means an 80 per cent. corn crop in this locality.

General Storm in Iowa.

DUBUQUE, Ia., July 28.—The drought has been broken by a rainfall of one inch, and reports from points in west and north Iowa show that the storm was general.

Rain at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 28.—Rain fell here almost continuously to-day, amounting to over an inch.

Showers for To-day.

Cooler and More Showers on Tuesday Is the Joyful Promise.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday:

For Indiana—Partly cloudy on Monday, with local thunderstorms in northern and central portions. Tuesday, local thunderstorms, with cooler in southern portions; variable winds.

For Illinois—Partly cloudy on Monday; local thunderstorms in northern and central portions; cooler in central portion. Tuesday, probably showers, with cooler in southern portion; variable winds.

Local Observations on Sunday.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Arrived: Le Champagne, from Havre; Norge, from Copenhagen and Baltimore.

QUEENSTOWN, July 28.—Arrived: Saxonia, from Boston; for Liverpool, and proceeded.

QUEENSTOWN, July 28.—Sailed: Campania, from Liverpool; for New York.

LIVERPOOL, July 28.—Arrived: Umbria, from New York; via Queenstown.

LET A MAN DROWN.

Charge Made Against a Sea Captain by His Mate.

MIAMI, Fla., July 28.—Andrew Brown, late chief officer of the schooner Lucy W. Snow, of Providence, R. I., made an affidavit here to-day charging that J. B. Scott, master of that vessel, permitted one of the boat's crew, who is believed to have been Roman Casadella, a Spaniard, to drown without attempting to aid him. According to the affidavit the man fell overboard about eight miles north of Jupiter Light, Fla. The mate, who is believed to have been Scott, did not order a boat out nor make any effort to save the man, merely remarking to the chief officer that "he drew Brown, that it was no use."

TAKEN BY THE OFFICIALS.

CIGARS AND CIGARETTES BROUGHT IN FROM PORTO RICO.

Customs Officers Say They Do Not Know "Officially" That Free Trade Has Been Declared.

NEW YORK, July 28.—The steamship Dora, from San Juan, P. R., docked in Brooklyn this afternoon. As she steamed up the bay the customs tug Ponce and took the passengers' declarations. As soon as the Ponce docked, customs house inspectors examined the baggage of the passengers, eighty in number. All cigars and cigarettes were seized and the owners were told to "come back to-morrow for them."

Among the passengers was J. R. Garrison, auditor of Porto Rico. He informed the inspectors that according to the President's proclamation free trade now exists between the United States and Porto Rico. The inspectors claimed that they had no official information to that effect and Mr. Garrison complied with the order to dump the contents of his dozen trunks on the pier. The baggage of all the other passengers were similarly inspected.

After this general overhauling of baggage a telephone message was received to seize only cigarettes in lots of over five hundred. The seizure, however, was not made, and the baggage was taken over and told to come around Monday and pay for the internal revenue stamps. The inspectors claim that while they knew free trade now exists between this country and Porto Rico they do not know it officially, and that it will be several days before the new order can be put into effect.

OBITUARY.

Rear Admiral John Irwin, U. S. N., Retired, at Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Rear Admiral John Irwin, retired, died at his residence here late tonight, after an illness of several months, due to a complication of diseases. He was sixty-nine years of age. He entered the Naval Academy in 1847 and had a good war record. He leaves a widow, a daughter and one son, John Irwin, commander on the Essex, now stationed at Newport.

Other Deaths.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 28.—W. H. Johnson, who is said to have invented the switchboard used in an improved form to-day by the Western Union Telegraph Company, died here to-day at his residence. He was a member of the Oldtime Telegraphers' Association. Mr. Johnson was born in Williamsport, Mass., May 8, 1822.

KANSAS CITY, July 28.—Dr. Milo B. Ward, aged fifty years, died to-day. During the Spanish war he was appointed the volunteer army by President McKinley, being commissioned a major and surgeon, and assigned to duty at Chickamauga. He was post grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Kansas and also past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 28.—Enoch Payne, one of Springfield's oldest residents, prominent in war times as a printer and bookbinder and later as an establishment for the manufacture of cutlery, died to-day of old age. The deceased had known every Governor of Illinois since Andrew Jackson.

LONDON, July 28.—The Rt. Rev. Brock Potts Westcott, Bishop of Durham, is dead. He was born in 1825.

DUEL WITH WINCHESTERS.

Trivial Quarrel Leads to a Desperate Fight at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 28.—Edwin Blacklock, dead with a Winchester rifle ball through his brain; M. F. Blalock, leg broken by a bullet; Robert Wright, Jr., leg broken by bullet; Robert Wright, Jr., a fugitive from justice.

Such is the net result of a desperate duel with Winchester rifles which occurred about dusk to-night on Norris avenue, south of the city and near Forest Hill cemetery.

The tragedy grew out of a dispute between Robert Wright, Jr., and Edwin Blacklock. The fathers backed the boys up, and the two families lined up with rifles on each side around a vacant lot. A few minutes of each other the first shot was fired. Then sharp and quick the resounding reports of firearms were heard by the neighbors. A rifle ball struck Edwin Blacklock in the head, and the other shot was fired. His brother had picked up his rifle, stood where his brother had fallen and fired the bullet that broke the head of Edwin Blacklock.

What shall I do to stop them? "Take the rifle away from him," said another man. "Hold your breath," said another man. The sufferer held his breath, and when he held it again the rifle was still with him. "Swallow the piece of bread."

The man swallowed five pieces without effect.

A young woman at the next table leaped over and said: "Pardon me, but if you will eat a dish of ice cream you'll thank me for the remedy."

A waiter brought a dish of ice cream. The man ate it all, and his blivings vanished. It is said that this recipe never fails.

Will Support Young Hindoos.

CLEVELAND, July 28.—In response to appeals by the Rev. Mark Fuller, a missionary, fifty boys and girls in India will be cared for until maturity by the contributions of Clevelanders, who are to be made at the annual session of the League of Nations, which will be held in Cleveland on August 1st.

Fifteen dollars will keep a child in India for a year.

VERY EXCITING CONTEST.

DETROIT BLOCKS BALTIMORE'S PLANS FOR AN EASY VICTORY.

Biggest Crowd Ever Seen at a St. Louis Game—Marion Defeats Columbus Easily—Other Games.

Results and Attendance.

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LAST YACHT CLUB RACE.

THE ASTOR CUPS WILL BE CONTESTED FOR TO-DAY.

Columbia and Constitution Entered—Shamrock II Off the Irish Coast—Races on the Lakes.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 28.—The last racing event of this year's series of the New York Yacht Club will be sailed to-morrow, when the flyers of the fleet will compete in the annual contest for the Astor cups. This race has long been one of the principal features of the cruise, having been founded by the late Ogden Golet over twenty years ago and continued since his death by his son, John Jacob Astor. Mr. Golet having offered two valuable cups for schooners and sloops and Colonel Astor duplicating them each year.

Every cup defender since the days of the Puritan, in 1885, has competed in the sloop class, and all have won with the exception of the Defender, in 1888, which was disabled within four miles of the finish when miles ahead. Up to the present year a \$1,000 cup has always been given in the schooner class and a \$500 cup for sloops. But to-morrow the value of these prizes will be reversed, the larger of the cups going to the sloop class, and the smaller cup is offered to schooners. The reason for this change is that for the past few years the schooner fleets have been constantly diminishing, the interest being almost entirely with the sloops. For to-morrow's races fifteen sloops and yachts have been entered, while only three schooners probably will start in that class.

As the sloop and yawl class includes, besides the Columbia and Constitution, three yachts and five cutters, the owners of these two latter classes of vessels have arranged to prize among themselves, believing that they have little show with the two cup defenders.

Shamrock Off the Irish Coast.

LONDON, July 28.—A dispatch from Tuskar Rock, off the southeast coast of Ireland, in St. George's channel, says that the Shamrock II and the Erin, which left Cork